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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What are the qualifications of the gentleman who has been appointed? " 8-45 a.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" He was already a Government servant. He was a Superintendent in the Public Department and he was directly recruited to the post of Regional Transport Officer."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" What are the qualifications of this gentleman to entitle him to be drafted on to the Transport department? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment there are no special qualifications prescribed. The points taken into consideration were the suitability of the officer for the job, his general conduct and his ability to deal with men and matters. The Government thought that he was the most suitable person for the job."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are no other persons fit for this job? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There may be. But in the opinion of the Government, he was the best qualified person for the job."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that there was a Government Order to the effect that new posts should not be filled up during the last week of March as that was a transitional period? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Notice."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, was the Madras Public Service Commission consulted in the matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At the present moment, these appointments are not made in consultation with the Public Service Commission."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the necessity of laying down certain qualifications for appointments to these technical posts? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government will consider the suggestion."

Fertilizer factory in Travancore.

* 4 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount invested by the Madras Government in the capital of the Fertilizer factory in Travancore;

(*b*) who are its promoting agents and managing agents;

(*c*) when the investment was made; and

(*d*) what the yearly dividend is?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Rs. 40 lakhs.

" (b) A statement [a] showing the names of the promoters of the company is placed on the table of the House. Messrs. Seshasayee & Brothers (Travancore), Limited, are the managing agents of the company.

" (c) The investment was made up of Rs. 20 lakhs in 1945 and the remaining Rs. 20 lakhs in the year 1948.

" (d) The company have declared for the first time so far, a dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent on the shares for the year ended 31st December 1950."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have made any agreement with this company for supply of fertilizers to this State, and if so, what is the percentage of the total production that is to be supplied? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The company have agreed to supply, in addition to 40 per cent of their output of ammonium sulphate, 25 per cent of their output of superphosphates which have been newly manufactured by them."

Reorganization of the municipal administration in the State.

* 5 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the action taken by Government on the report of the Committee constituted in G.O. Ms. No. 2313, L.A., dated 11th November 1949, in respect of the reorganization of the municipal administration in this State?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The various recommendations of the Committee have been examined in detail in consultation with the heads of departments and Secretariat departments concerned. Government will shortly take a decision on them."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, the earliest date when the Government will take measures to implement the Committee's recommendations? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is in the consideration stage. Decisions will be taken soon."

SRI P. VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what are the recommendations of that Committee? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that copies of the Committee's report are not available in the Government Press, and will the Government take steps to see that the report is published? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The suggestion will be considered."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 85 infra.